

Remarks

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. The above claim amendments merely cancels finally rejected claims 1-4 and recasts allowed dependent claim 5 in independent form by including the features of canceled claim 1. Therefore, the above claim amendments only require a cursory review. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above-referenced claim amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in that the amendments (1) place the claims in condition for allowance or, if necessary, in better condition for consideration on appeal; and (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration or search. For the reasons given above, entry of the above amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 5-19 are allowed. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly, S.B., hereinafter Kelly, Mastering WordPerfect, pp. 284-288 (Sybex, 1987), in view of Hart-Davis, G., hereinafter Davis, "The ABCs of Word 97", Sybex, 1997, chapter 20, and pages 8-15. As claims 1-4 have been canceled by the amendment referenced above, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after

this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of the application, please charge deposit account number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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